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Train Ferry

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1. The Ruse-Giurgiu ferry makes two round-trips daily, leaving Ruse at 8 a.m. on the first trip and returning to Ruse at 11 p.m. on the last trip. The time required for the trip is one hour; the speed of the vessel is five miles per hour. This ferry, which is of steel construction, is about 200 meters long and between 15 and 20 meters wide. There are three railroad lines on the deck and eighteen railroad cars can be carried at one crossing. The boat was brought to Bulgaria from Italy.
2. Since the beginning of 1950, the ferryboat has been transporting military supplies and equipment, including guns, tanks, trucks, and automobiles from Rumania to Bulgaria. On the trip from Bulgaria to Rumania corn, beans, wheat and fats are carried. When food supplies are shipped, such shipments are described as "iron". During the last days of January, Soviet troops in uniform were carried daily. The Soviet soldiers and material arrived at night in Ruse and were dispatched immediately from here by train. The approximate quantity of military equipment shipped up to the present time is as follows:
  - a. 150-200 guns of all sizes. (These weapons were shipped in box cars).
  - b. 15 medium tanks.
  - c. 200 trucks, of Czech manufacture.
  - d. 300 Soviet model jeeps of Czech manufacture.
  - e. Numerous cases of cartridges.
3. The movement of men and material continues but has decreased in volume since February.

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